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Stoddard and His Apologists

The charge referred to in our Phoenix correspondence recently, that Col. J. F. Wilson, delegate-elect to congress, was working against the Cowan bill for the transfer of the corporation business from the office of the territorial secretary to that of the auditor, seems to be confirmed by the attitude on this question of the Arizona Democrat, the property and personal organ of Mr. Wilson, which defends the territorial secretary, Mr. Stoddard, and asserts that those who are endeavoring to have the large fees arising from the incorporation of foreign companies, taken from the secretary and turned into the territorial treasury, "are villifying Secretary Stoddard."

The Democrat says further that, "the charge that the Phoenix papers are purchased by the patronage of the secretary is unworthy of refutation or notice," yet in the same issue of the Democrat we find nearly four pages of articles of incorporation, received from the secretary. In order to get this business, the Democrat, and all other papers publishing articles of incorporation from the secretary, must assent to Mr. Stoddard's terms, and as is well known, the price is ridiculously low—from one-third to one-sixth of the maximum rate allowed by law. The Democrat receives a very large share of this business, while the Republican, the leading republican paper of the territory, is now, for some reason of which we are not informed, receiving none of this patronage. Again, it is alleged by the Tucson Post, that "the Saturday Review, published in Phoenix, has been informed by the secretary of the territory, Isaac T. Stoddard, that hereafter it will not receive any articles of incorporation from his office for publication. His reason for doing so is because the Review upheld Governor Brodie for his recommendation to the legislature, urging that the fees received by the secretary be turned into the treasury instead of his pocket."

These facts, viewed in relation to each other and their bearing upon the question at issue, certainly give good ground for suspecting that The Democrat is influenced by patronage and that Col. Wilson is supporting a republican official seeking to retain fees and emoluments which in justice to the taxpayers, and to accord with the principles of the democratic party, should go into the territorial treasury.

The Arizona Press association organized to promote the interests of the publishers in the territory has thus far succeeded in securing and retaining legislation in regard to the public printing which is fair to the newspapers, but the benefits intended have been largely nullified by the keen competition for business, (in many cases amounting to bitter warfare) among the publishers themselves, and the worst offenders in this respect are the Phoenix newspapers. As long as they submit to the secretary's arbitrary dictation and uphold him in his unwarranted course, they are greater enemies of the other publishers throughout the territory than Mr. Stoddard himself.

The proposition to deprive the secretary of the territory of the incorporation fees and turn them into the territorial treasury is meritorious and in the interest of the people, and any member of the legislature who opposes such legislation places himself in an equivocal position and invites the suspicion that his motive is not wholly disinterested.

To Eliminate Injurious Smelter Fumes

The many claims for damages brought against the Anaconda company by the owners of cultivated lands adjacent to their great smelting works at Anaconda, alleging serious injury to vegetation from the smelter fumes, induced the company to make an elaborate series of experiments having for their object the elimination of the deleterious gases. These experiments are said to have been successful, although the application of the remedy involves an expenditure of half a million of dollars.

By cooling the gases the volatilized

compounds will condense, and by building flues sufficiently large so that the velocity of the gases will be very low the condensed particles will settle in the bottom of the flues, allowing only the permanent gases to escape. These under no circumstances can effect the slightest injury to either animal or vegetable life, according to a statement issued from the Anaconda headquarters.

The company will begin at once the erection of a monster dam from the present plant to the summit of the hill above the new works. This dam will be 60 feet in width, 20 feet deep and have a length of about 2,000 feet, and will pass its gases into a stack 30 feet in diameter and 300 feet in height. This will deliver the permanent gases and products of combustion at an elevation so high above the valley that there is no possibility of these gases, it is claimed, being noticed even in Anaconda or in the valley below, and every objection to the present location of the works will be entirely removed.

The Statehood Contest.

What the ultimate outcome of the contest in the senate over the omnibus statehood bill will be is, apparently, as uncertain now as at any time since the measure was reported. It is said that the leaders of the opposition have renewed their efforts to effect a compromise and that Senator Quay is anxious that the compromise bill be adopted. This is a repetition of the report sent out two weeks or more ago, and coming through the Associated Press, is probably no more reliable.

There is considerable difference of opinion as to whether the statehood bill has gained or lost ground in the past week, the opposition claiming that Quay has been so badly crippled that he has been driven to the defensive, and that his strength now lies in his ability to filibuster, and with the assistance of Mr. Morgan, prevent the ratification of the canal treaty in retaliation for the sharp parliamentary tactics adopted by the opponents of statehood and the friends of the Panama canal.

The republican majority, it is said, served notice on Mr. Quay and Mr. Morgan that they might hold up the canal treaty till after the expiration of the option—March 4—but if they did it would do them no good, because the statehood bill could not be passed. Mr. Hale, spokesman for the republicans, declared that under no circumstances would the senate pass the omnibus statehood bill at this session. The firm determination had been reached by the opponents to prevent the enactment of the statehood bill into law at this session.

A Washington press correspondent says: "Mr. Quay, with a majority supporting him, could at once end the present executive session. The postoffice appropriation bill is ready to be considered in the senate. The omnibus bill has been reported as a rider to it. By proceeding with the postoffice bill Mr. Quay could carry his point by incorporating the statehood legislation into that appropriation bill if his majority remained with him. The failure of Mr. Quay to follow this course discloses in the judgment of the opposition, that while he may have a majority of the senate on the question of passing the statehood bill as an independent measure, he has not a majority to consider the statehood bill in preference to the canal treaty, and has not a majority to support him in the unprecedented move of making the bill a rider. The conferees on the postoffice bill, both of the senate and the house, are the only conferees on any of the appropriation bills who are supporters of the omnibus plan. Therefore, it appears to be a case of attaching the omnibus bill to the postoffice bill or to none."

To Loot the Treasury

The developments in the legislature last week show that we were not mistaken in our prediction made before the session opened, that a raid on the treasury was contemplated by the representatives of those counties having public institutions. We do not wonder that "quite a sensation was produced" in the house by the introduction by Mr. Roemer's omnibus appropriation bill, which provides for heavy tax levies to establish a territorial poor farm and for extensive improvements to, as well as for maintenance of the educational institutions.

Following Roemer's measure, a bill was introduced providing for a bond issue of \$100,000 for the improvement of the territorial asylum, and there are other bills promised which will carry appropriations, including a bill for the removal of the prison to Benson and to establish a manual training school at Prescott.

The representatives of Gila county

will be expected to earnestly oppose every one of these measures, as every conscientious member of the legislature should, and return home with honor saved, if nothing else.

If sufficient votes can be mustered to pass the outrageous bills referred to, then there could be no question of Arizona's unfitness for statehood. It is to be hoped that wiser counsel will prevail, and that only such sums as are absolutely necessary for the maintenance and improvement of public institutions be appropriated and that no new ones be established.

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SUMMONS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GILA.

A. Eisenberg and Company, a Partnership, Plaintiff, vs. Ernest Jonson, Defendant.

Action brought in the District Court of the Second Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, in and for the County of Gila, and the complaint filed in said County of Gila, in the office of the Clerk of said District Court. The Territory of Arizona sends greeting to Ernest Jonson, defendant.

You are hereby summoned and required to appear in an action brought against you by the above-named plaintiff, in the District Court of the Second Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, in and for the County of Gila, and answer the complaint filed with the Clerk of this Court at Globe, in said County, (a copy of which complaint accompanies this summons), within twenty days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service upon you of this summons—if served in this County, in all other cases thirty days—or judgment by default will be taken against you according to the prayer of said complaint.

And you are hereby notified, that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint, as above required the said plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief therein demanded, and costs and disbursements in this behalf expended.

Given under my hand and the seal of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, in and for the County of Gila, this 14th day of February, A. D. 1903.

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